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SUBJECT: DPC MEETING APRIL 3: POL SHORTAGE

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SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE REPORTS DISCUSSION INDPC APRIL 3 ON AGENDA ITEM III, IMPACT OF CURRENT POL SHORTAGE ON MILITARY ACTIVITIES. AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD CALLED FOR INCREASED COOPERATION AND AN ASSESSMENT OF LONG TERM IMPACT OF RISING FUEL COSTS. HE WAS SUPPORTED BY LOGAN (UK) IN ASKING THAT REQUIREMENT OF SOME COUNTRIES TO HAVE POL STOCKS REPLACED IN KIND NOT BE ESTABLISHED AS A PRINCIPLE. END SUMMARY.

1. DEPUTY SYG PANSA SUGGESTED THAT REPORT CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION (CMCM-7-74) WAS OF HISTORICAL INTEREST AND NEED ONLY BE NOTED. DPC'S DECISION OF FEBRUARY 28 TO APPROVE MILITARY COMMITTEE'S BASIC GUIDLINES FOR HADLING IMPACT OF POL SHORTAGE ON MILITARY ACTIVITIES WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED. MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS AND NATIONS WILL KEEP MATTER UNDER CON-
TINOUS REVIEW; FULL IMPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED AT
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NEXT AUTUMN'S DEFENSE REVIEW.

2. RUMSFELD MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT DRAWN FROM REFTEL AND CMCM-7-74. QUOTE

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DESPITE THE INDICATIONS THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF POL WILL INCREASE, THE DPC SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE MILIARY COMMITTEE MAINTAINS A CAREFUL WATCH OVER THE NATO EXERCISE PROGRAM SO THAT IF OIL SHORTAGES OR EXPENSES ARE TO IMPACT ON THIS AREA, IT WILL BE WITH A MINIMUM OF DAMAGE AND WITH SOME RELATIONSHIP TO THE OVERALL PRIORITIES.

MY GOVERNMENT FEELS THAT IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE WAS UNABLE TO REVIEW THE ENTIRE EXERCISE CYCLE SO AS TO DEVELOP SOME SEMBLANCE OF PRIORITY AMONG THE COMPETING EXERCISES SO THAT NATO COULD OBATIN MAXIMUM BENEFIT FROM AN EXERCISE SCHEDULE IF IT HAD TO BE REDUCED OR MODIFIED IN THE FUTURE DUE TO OIL SHORTAGES OR INCREASED EXPENSES. WHILE NATO SHOULD NOT CONSTRUE THIS AS A HINT OF US DESIRES TO REDUCE EXERCISES, WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THAT POL PROBLEM WILL NOT SOON DISAPPEAR AND THAT IN THE INTERIM SOME ESSENTIAL CONTINGENCY PLANNING SHOULD BE UNDERWAY.

SINCE THE IMEEDIATE CONCERN OVER POL AVAILABILITIES HAS ABATED, THE UNTED STATES GOVERNMENT SUGGESTS THAT THOSE NATIONS WHO HAVE SO INDICATED, IN THE ENCLOSURE TO CMCM-7-74, CONSIDER DROPPING THEIR REQUIREMENT TO HAVE POL STOCKS REPLACED IN KIND. THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED LEST THIS REMAIN IN THE RECORD AND ESTABLISH A PRECEDENT THAT COULD SERIOUSLY HINDER FUTURE EXERCISES. RATHER THAN HAVING INDIVIDUAL NATIONS ESTABLISH THIS REPLACEMENT CRITERIA, WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE THE MATTER DISCUSSED IN THE DPC SO THAT A UNIFORM POLICY MIGHT BE DEVELOPED.

THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN AVAILABILITYOF POL WILL NOT ELIMINATE OUR PROBLEMS BUT SUBSTITUTE THE DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY INCREASED COSTS FOR THOSE CAUSED BY SHORTAGES. IF ANYTHING, THE SITUATION WILL WORSEN SINCE THE IMPACT WILL AFFECT OVERALL READINESS AND DEFENSE BUDGETS, NOT SIMPLY EXERCISES. ALONG THESE LINES THE UNITED STATES WOULD WELCOME THE DPC MAKING SOME EFFORT TO HAVE THE NATO COUNTRIES CONFIDENTIAL

ASSESS THE LONG-TERM IMPACT OF RISING FUEL COSTS, AS THE SECRETARY GENERAL SUGGESTED IN THE DPC ON FEBRUARY 28. WE EXPECT THAT THESE COSTS WILL HAVE A SERIOUS IMPACT UPON BUDGETS WHICH, UNLESS ACCOUNTED FOR THROUGH INCREASED EXPEDNITURES, WILL DEGRADE NATO READINESS. WHILE NATIONS THEMSELVES WILLHAVE TO TLLK AT INCREASING EXPENDITURES, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR NATO TO HIGHLIGHT THESE DANGERS AND EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR INCREASED COOPERATION THAT WOULD TEND TO REDUCE INEFFICIENCIES AND WASTEFUL REDUCDANCIES.

IN READING THE MC REPORT I NOTE THAT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 1 SAYS "IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT BECAUSE OF THEIR COMPLEXITY, IT IS NOT PRACTICAL TO PROVIDE A COMPLTE REVIEW OF THE 1974

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EXERCISE PROGRAMS BUT THAT THEY WILL BE KEPT UNDER CONTINOUS
REVIEW BETWEEN MNCS AND NATIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE POL
SITUATION AT ANY GIVEN TIME."

FIRST, I'D BE CURIOUS TO KNOW WHO AGREED TO THAT.
SECONDLY, IN VIEW OF THE STATED COMPLEXITY I WOULD BE INTERESTED
TO KNOW THE NATURE OF THE REVIEW BETWEEN THE MNCS AND NATIONS
WHICH WILL BE CARRIED OUT. END QUOTE.

3. DEPTUY CHAIRMAN, MILITARY COMMITTEE (INTER) RESPONDED
THAT HE WISHED TO DISPEL THE NOTION THAT THE PROBLEM WAS
OVER; COSTS WILL BE THE DRIVING FACTOR IN THE FUTURE.
SACEUR IS REDUCING THE NUMBER OF OBSERVERS AT EXERCISES.
MNCS ARE CONSULTING NATIONS AT MOD LEVEL. ADMIRAL MINTER
DESCRIBED COMPLEXITY IN TERMS OF LARGE NUMBER OF EXERCISES,
MANY OF WHICH ARE QUITE SMALL. THERE IS A DANGER IN ESTAB-
LISHING PRIORITIES AMONG EXERCISES BECAUSE ONES LEFT OUT
WOULD IMMEDIATELY BECOME SUSPECT. THERE IS A RESONABLE
NUMBER OF EXERCISES NEEDED TO MAINTAIN REDINESS. EGRADING
STATEMENT AT BOTTOM OF PAGE 1, MINTER SAID MILITARY COMMITTEE
HAD AGREED.

4. KGAN (UK) SUPPTRTED US POINT ON REPLACEMENT IN KIND AND
DOUBTED WISDOM OF ESTABLISHING THIS AS A PRINCIPLE OR
PRRECEDENT. IT IS DIFFICULT TO DO AND MORE EXPENSIVE THAN
REPLACEMENT WITH MONEY.

5. DRC NOTED CMCM-7-74 AND TOOK NO DECISIONS.
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6. COMMENT: MISSION WILL SEND LETTER TO LUNS ASKING THAT ACTION
BE TAKEN TO GET STUDY UNDER WAY ASSESSING LONG TERM IMPACT OF
RISING FUEL COSTS. WE WILL ALSODISCUSS WITH DELEGATIONS CON-
CERNED THEIR POSITION ON REPLACEMENT IN KIND. MISSION WOULD
APPRECIATE RECIVING WASHINGTON THOUGHTS ON POSSIBILITIES FOR
INCREASED COOPERATION TO REDUCE INEFFICIENCIES AND REDUNDANCIES,
AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL.
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